



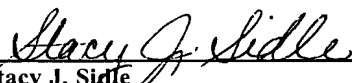
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Georges Marcel Victor Thielen)
For: TIRE WITH COMPONENT OF)
RUBBER COMPOSITION COMPRISED)
OF SILICA REINFORCEMENT AND)
EMULSION POLYMERIZATION)
DERIVED TERPOLYMER RUBBER OF)
DIENE/VINYL AROMATIC COMPOUND)
WHICH CONTAINS PENDANT)
HYDROXYL GROUPS)
Serial No.: 10/090,403)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Official Action dated September 15, 2005, please make the following amendments in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicant's invention.